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FUNDS SANCTIONED BY NSCFDC
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds sanctioned by the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSCFDC) to various States for the welfare of the targeted groups during each of the last three years;

(b) the extent to which the State Government have utilized the funds;

(c) whether serious irregularities have been reported in the implementation of the programmes for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and

(d) the details of steps being taken for the optimum utilization of the funds allocated?

Answer

MNISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) & (b) The amounts sanctioned and disbursed by National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation and utilized by Channelising Agencies of States/UTs (SCAs) for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during last three years are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Amount	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
Sanctioned by NSFDC	119.17	113.70	154.34
Disbursed by NSFDC	126.62	100.07	132.48
Utilized by States/ UTs	52.98	125.69	79.30 (as per available reports)

(c) No,Sir.

(d) Following creation of Ministry of Tribal Affairs for looking into the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes, the existing Corporation was bifurcated into National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) and National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) for looking after the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively. These two Corporations have started activities with effect from April, 2001.

Following steps are being taken by National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) for optimum utilization of the fund allocated:-

1) Allocation of fund is being conveyed to the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) at the beginning of the financial year.

2) Utilisation of fund by the SCAs is being monitored by National Corporation.

3) State Governments /UT Administrations have been requested for making specialprojects by dove-tailing subsidy out of Special Central Assistance with loan under NSFDC Schemes.

4) Higher rate of interest is being charged from SCAs on the fund remaining unutilized with them for period exceeding 120 days.

5) Smaller Projects/units costing up to Rs. 5 lakhs should be given emphasis.